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CHAPTER VIII. ILLICIT TRAFFIC (Form of Annual Reports E/NR. Form/1983)

Paragraphs

A. GENERAL

90. Illicit traffic in drugs: Yes.

Illicit cultivation, harvesting, manufacture; diversion from licit channels

91a-b. 0.06 of a hectare of illicit opium poppy cultivation was detected in Chun La Nam-Do, Chun La Buk-Do and Chung Cheong Nam-Do. Education and publicity campaigns against illicit cultivation were undertaken through the mass media and distribution of posters.

92a-b. No.

93a-b. Campaigns against illicit cannabis cultivation were undertaken: see para. 91a-b.

94a-95b. No.

96a-b. About 200 kg of methamphetamine were illicitly manufactured in Seoul-Si, Pusan-Si using mainly pseudoephedrine hydrochloride and ephedrine hydrochloride. Chrome, ether, zinc and other chemicals used were smuggled into the country.

97a-b. No.

Smuggling and Trafficking

98a-99. Yes.

100a. Drugs seized in 1983:

	Weight/quantity	Number of seizures
Opium	1 kg 756 g	2
Morphine	4 doses	2
Cannabis	94 kg 447 g	401
Cannabis resin	122 g	2
Opium poppies	8 167 poppies	64
Opium poppy seeds	183 g	8
Amphetamines and other stimulants	57 kg 363 g	289
Barbiturates	4 206 doses	33

100b. The number of cultivators of illicit opium (64) and opium poppies seized (8 167) increased considerably compared with the previous year (illicit opium cultivators: 15; opium poppies seized: 2 024).

Prices and purity of illicit drugs

101a-b.	Wholesale:	W	US$*/	
	Methamphetamine (purity: more than 90 per cent)	6 - 7 million	7 800 - 9 100	per kg
101b.	Retail:			
	Methamphetamine (purity: more than 90 per cent)	20 million	26 000	per kg

101c-d. -

Prosecutions

102. 729 persons were arrested and 365 prosecuted in connection with offences related to the following drugs:

	Number of persons arrested	Number of persons prosecuted
Opium	2	2
Morphine	2	2
Cannabis and cannabis resin	403	250
Amphetamines and other stimulants	289	97
Barbiturates	33	14

103a-b. Predominant age groups: Cannabis abusers (foreign army personnel, maids, etc.) were mostly in their twenties, whereas those abusing methamphetamine were more than 30 years old and unemployed.

104a-b. Nationals from Japan and the United States of America were involved with offences concerning cannabis and methamphetamine.

B. ORGANIZATION OF ENFORCEMENT

105. Organizations responsible: Ministry of Justice; National Police; Customs and the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs.

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*/ Rate of exchange: W 1 = US$ 0.0013

106. Specialized units: Ministry of Health and Social Affairs.

107. Joint investigations are carried out quarterly.

108a. The office ensuring liaison on a national basis forms part of the services responsible for the National Central Bureau of ICPO/Interpol.

108b-109b. -

Suggestions

110a-b. -